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SHELTON RECEIVES SACS APPROVAL

At a meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in December, Shelton State Community College received an unconditional reaffirmation of its accreditation status and official approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools of its merger with C.A. Fredd State Technical College.

"The major accrediting agency in the southeastern area of the United States is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "Within that group, the Commission on Colleges (COC) is the accrediting body for higher education in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Latin America. The COC reaffirms accreditation only after careful evaluation of the educational quality of an institution," Umphrey said.

"Shelton's merger with C.A. Fredd State Technical College, one of the nation's Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), was completed this year. Referred to by SACS as a 'substantive change,' the merger proceedings also had to be evaluated by the COC which meant another self-study, peer review, and final evaluation by the Executive Committee of the COC. Few institutions attempt to do reaffirmation and substantive change simultaneously. Time constraints, however, required that Shelton do both together, and both had a successful outcome," Umphrey said.

"The process leading to the reaffirmation began almost three years ago and involved all college employees. Our employees provided the energy, creativity, and professionalism that was necessary to help the college move toward the future. Their efforts presented a true comprehensive picture of the college in its efforts to maintain high standards in all areas of its operations. In many ways, this reaffirmation and substantive change approval is testimony to all of our employees and their efforts toward meeting the high standards of SACS," Umphrey said.

According to Joyce Jolly, assistant self-study director and editor of the document, the entire process was time consuming and demanding, but the results were invaluable. "Our goal from the outset was to find ways and means to improve services and programs. We have already made significant quality changes since we completed our institutional self-study report," Jolly said.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

ATTENTION FACULTY AND STAFF

The date of the reception sponsored by the Shelton State Foundation has been changed to February 8, 1995.

The reception is held in celebration of the reaffirmation of accreditation of Shelton State Community College. The reception will be from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Indians Hills Country Club. Spouses are also included. For regrets, call 391-2298 or 391-2251.

MLK BIRTHDAY

Shelton State Community College will be closed on Monday, January 16, in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.

STUDENTS MAY DROP AND/OR ADD CLASSES FOR SPRING SEMESTER ON JANUARY 17 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. - 12 NOON AND ON JANUARY 18 FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 6 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, IS THE LAST TIME THE ASSET TEST WILL BE GIVEN THIS MONTH. THE TEST WILL BE OFFERED AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SKYLAND CAMPUS AUDITORIUM.

MENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 19: Wallace at Selma There 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21: Southern Union There 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26: Lawson State Here 8 p.m.
Jan. 28: Wallace-Hanceville There 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30: Northwest There 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 19: Wallace at Selma There 5:30 p.m.
Jan: 21: Southern Union There 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23: Shoals Here 7 p.m.
Jan. 26: Lawson Here 6 p.m.
Jan. 28: Wallace-HancevilleThere 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 30: Northwest There 5:30 p.m.

SHELTON FOUNDATION SCHEDULE

Planning Committee: Jan.19- 4 p.m. 15th Street
Finance/Executive Committee: Jan.24: P.Ray's Office
Nominating Committee: Jan.26: 4 p.m. L.Kubiszyn's Office
Annual Meeting Feb. 3: 4 p.m. Indian Hills

IT'S AN HONOR

The Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) recently notified Bessie German, director of Shelton's Talent Search program, that the college's program was selected as an outstanding model program and will be part of the Model Programs session during the Talent Search Directors Training meeting which will be held in February in Charleston, South Carolina. The display of Shelton's Talent Search Model Program will offer ideas and strategies to approximately 70-80 new Talent Search directors from across the nation.

FACES AND PLACES

Five new instructors will join Shelton's faculty Spring semester. Those instructors are: Krist Lien, art; Sharon Reed, nursing; Elijah Rainey, respiratory

care/clinical coordinator; Sarah Brenizer, biology; and Leah Minovovich, wellness.

***KRIST LIEN** received his BFA from Auburn University and his MFA from the University of Alabama. Currently living in Montevallo, Lien has taught at Livingston University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham since 1992. He has exhibited at Alabama galleries in Birmingham, Jacksonville, Montevallo, Tuscaloosa, and Mobile as well as in galleries in Austin, Texas, Chicago, Illinois, and Starkville, Mississippi.

***SHARON REED** received her masters degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky in 1985 and worked for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Geriatric Psychiatry in Tuscaloosa before joining Shelton State. Her experience also includes working at St. Mary's School of Nursing in West Virginia, Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky, Ashland Community College in Ashland, Kentucky, King's Daughter's Hospital and King's Daughter's School of Nursing.

***ELIJAH T. RAINEY** is a former Shelton State student and was a 1990 graduate of DCH School of Respiratory Therapy. He is currently employed by DCJ Regional Medical Center as a respiratory therapist. He has also worked as a medical surgical technician and as an oxygen technician at DCH. Rainey also has experience working in critical care areas including the Emergency Room and intensive care areas at DCH.

***SARA BRENIZER** is a graduate of the University of Alabama, receiving her bachelor of science degree and master of arts degree from the University. She was employed as a science teacher at Central High School before joining Shelton State. However, she has taught part-time at Shelton. She was a Teacher of the Year finalist in competition sponsored by the Jaycees and was named an Access Excellence Fellow by the National Science Teachers Association.

***LEAH MINOVOVICH** is a native of Akron, Ohio who came south to play golf for the University of South Alabama. After graduation, she came to Tuscaloosa to work on her masters degree. While in graduate school, she coached the University of Alabama's women's golf team. Fall semester she taught part-time in the Wellness Center and now joins Milady Murphy's staff on a full-time basis.

***Debbie Grimes,** director of library services for the college, will also serve as the new records management officer for the college. Shelton will implement a records management program during 1995.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

This month the Shelton Success Center recognized a number of students for their achievement in the lab during the Fall semester. The students with the highest lab averages were: Brandi Goforth, 94 average, the highest in English 091; Mellissa Hicks, 94 average, highest average in English 092; Donna Deason, 100 average, highest average in English 093; Carl Magnusson, 98 average, highest average in Reading 084; Douglas Wayne Smith, 99 average, highest average in Reading 085.

The following students

were recognized for achieving the most lab visits during Fall Semester: Johnny B. Jackson, 57 visits to the math lab for Math 092; Kenneth A. Watkins, 53 visits to the math lab for Math 113; Alexander May, 53 visit to Success Center for Business 246; Hubert Ashton Roberts, 51 visits to math lab for Math 109.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Shelton State music department was well represented at the Tuscaloosa Community Singers presentation of Handel's MESSIAH in December. Soloists included mezzo-soprano Glinda Blackshear, Shelton music instructor; soprano Jerri Lamar Kantack, adjunct voice instructor; and soprano Cassie Wilson, former Shelton student. Many other Shelton students and some faculty members participated in the sing-along portion of the concert which was held in the Moody Music Building Concert Hall.

REMEMBER CURTIS? Former Shelton basketball player Curtis Fincher was featured recently in the Eastern Kentucky basketball program. Fincher finished his final season at Shelton averaging 23.3 points, 12.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game. His scoring average was ninth best in the country this past season for junior colleges. Good luck to Fincher as he starts the season with the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

DEANS' CORNER

Arthur Howington, Dean of Academic Programs

During the 1994 Summer term, according to the preliminary enrollment summary from the Department of Postsecondary Education, Shelton State Community College was the largest two-year institution in the Alabama College System. Shelton had a head count enrollment of 5,304 students. The next highest head count enrollment was 4,653 students which was recorded by Bevill Community College.

The credit hour enrollment for Shelton State during the 1994 Summer term was 53,673. The next highest credit hour enrollment was 39,358 recorded by Central Alabama Community College.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Shelton State Library has a limited supply of SOME federal tax forms for your convenience. Please help yourself!

COLLEGE ESTABLISHES THE LON ALEXANDER MEMORIAL COLLECTION

A commemoration service will be held soon in the Skyland Campus Library for the Lon Alexander Memorial Collection for Shelton State Community College Employee Publications.

Employee publications given as donations to the library will be placed in this collection and will be treated as reference materials. Carole Johnson, a member of the English faculty , will make the memorial address. Alexander, who died in February 1991, was a long time history instructor at Shelton. The publications will be housed in a new bookcase that was purchased to hold the collection.